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REMARKS

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application, claims 7-8 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-6 are rejected.

Claims 1 and 4-6 were amended, claims 2 and 3 were canceled without projudice, and claims 9-12 were added in the Amendment filed on March 7, 2006. Further to the amendments and remarks set forth in the previously filed paper, Applicants herein further amend claim 1 to correct an inadvertent omission of a claim element. No new matter is added by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, for the reasons stated in the March 7, 2006 Amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

AUTIIORIZATION

Applicant believes no fees are required for this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5281. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a position for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a position for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5281. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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